

Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative

RETI

Coordinating Committee



Notice of a Change in Location for the Public Meeting In Riverside County for the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2009

10:00 a.m.

**New Location: Palm Desert City Hall
(Across the parking lot from the original location,
the Professional Office Building)**

Same Address: 73710 Fred Waring Drive

Palm Desert, CA 92260
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Via Internet WebEx

Presentations and audio from the meeting will be broadcast via our WebEx web conferencing system. For details on how to participate via WebEx, please see the "Participation through WebEx" section below.

Purpose

This meeting will give the public and stakeholders an opportunity to learn about RETI and its working groups, and to provide feedback on RETI to members of the Stakeholder Steering Committee (SSC).

Topics to be covered include:

1. RETI goals and process: how state policy on renewable energy resources and climate change drives RETI's work.
2. Workplan: how RETI is structured, how working groups function, its three phases and respective timelines.
3. Status update: the initial results of competitive renewable energy zone (CREZ) identification and broad environmental screening; next steps.
4. Overview of Phase 2: confirming the initial results of Phase 1B, with on-the-ground review of the CREZs; refining and/or redrawing CREZs as necessary; proposing preliminary conceptual transmission plans.

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Coordinating Committee Members Include: California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) ♦ California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) ♦ California Independent System Operator (California ISO) ♦ Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) ♦ Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) ♦ Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

5. Breakout sessions, which may include the following topics: generation siting process; climate change and implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 32; various renewable technologies.
6. Public questions and comments.

California has adopted energy policies to increase the generation of electricity from renewable energy resources. In November 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed an Executive Order to streamline California's renewable energy project approval process and increase the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard to 33 percent renewable power by 2020. Implementing these policies requires extensive improvements to California's electric transmission infrastructure. RETI is a non-regulatory statewide planning process that is seeking consensus to identify the transmission projects needed to accommodate California's renewable energy goals. RETI is an open and transparent collaborative process where all interested parties are encouraged to participate.

Phases 1A and 1B identified, assessed, and ranked CREZs in California and selected out-of-state areas that can provide significant electricity from renewables to California consumers by 2020. This assessment was a first attempt to identify areas that can be developed in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner. The Phase 1A and 1B Final Report was approved by the SSC on December 17, 2008 and is available at www.energy.ca.gov/reti. Phase 2 will confirm and/or refine the environmental and economic inputs developed in Phase 1B, CREZs will be re-evaluated and redrawn when necessary, and a statewide conceptual transmission plan will be developed. Phase 2 will also identify conceptual transmission corridors. Phase 3 will develop transmission plans of service for identified CREZs.

Any materials available in advance of the meeting will be posted on the RETI website: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/reti/meetings/index.html>.

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Contact Information

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To review the RETI Mission Statement, sign up on the RETI List Server to receive automatic notifications of future meetings, or review posted documents and other information, please refer to the RETI website at www.energy.ca.gov/reti.

Additional Information

If you would like information on how to participate in this meeting, please contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office by phone at (916) 654-4489 or toll-free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us.

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